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SUBJECT: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE: ISRAELI REQUEST FOR COUNCIL MEETING

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

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1. AFTER SEPT 12 CONFERENCE MEETING CANADA CONVENED MEETING OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF ICAO COUNCIL (JAPAN, US) TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF ISRAELI EFFORTS TO CONVENE COUNCIL MEETING.

2. JAPAN AND NETHERLANDS REPORTED THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR NAJAR WHO CONFIRMED ISRAEL WISHES TO SEEK EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF ICAO COUNCIL IN MONTREAL RPT IN MONTREAL. ISRAELIS REPORTEDLY HAVE CONCLUDED THERE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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NO CHANCE OF CONVENING EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF COUNCIL IN

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ROME OR OF GETTINGANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILE ISSUE ON ASSEMBLY
AGENDA HERE.

3. UK, FRANCE, AND CANADA EXPRESSED VIEWS THAT ISRAELI
EFFORTS WERE PREMATURE IN THAT ITALIAN INVESTIGATION ONLY
JUST UNDERWAY AND INITIATIVE DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO PUT
PRESSURE UPON AND EMBARRASS ITALY. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC
QUESTION ITALY AGREED REQUEST FOR COUNCIL-MEETING WAS PRE-
MATURE AND IT WOULD BE PLACED IN AWKWARD POSITION BECAUSE
OF NECESSITY UNDER ITALIAN LAW TO MAINTAIN SECRECY CONCERNING
INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. US (HUFFMAN) NOTED THAT USG HAD
BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT PROCEDURAL COMPLEXITIES OF POSSIBLE
COUNCIL MEETING IN ROME SIMULTANEOUS WITH MEETING IN
ASSEMBLY/CONFERENCE BUT SAID THAT NEITHER USDEL NOR USG
HAD FOCUSSED UPON ANY ISRAELI REQUEST FOR COUNCIL MEETING
IN MONTREAL.

4. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH CANADA REFLECTING CONCENSUS
OF MEETING (EXCEPT FOR USG WHICH HAD RESERVED POSITION
AS STATED IN PREVIOUS PARA) THAT INTERESTED WESTERN EUROPEAN
AND OTHER STATES SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PREVAIL UPON ISRAEL NOT
TO INSIST UPON IMMEDIATE MEETING OF ICAO COUNCIL. UK
OBSERVED THAT THEIR INFORMATION INDICATED ISRAEL WAS
RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC MANDATE AND WOULD PROBABLY DISCOUNT
CONSIDERATIONS EUROPEAN MIGHT PRESENT. EC 9 REPRESENTATIVES
HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING FOR MORNING SEPT 13. TO CONSIDER
SAME ISSUE.

5. IF REPORT CORRECT THAT ISRAEL NO LONGER PUSHING FOR
ROME MEETING OF COUNCIL, USDEL WOULD PREFER LEAVE ISSUE
OF POSSIBLE MONTREAL COUNCIL MEETING TO DEPARTMENT'S
DISCRETION AND ACTION. IN ABSENCE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
USDEL WILL SUGGEST THAT INQUIRIES CONCERNING USG POSITION
ON POSSIBLE MONTREAL COUNCIL MEETING BE REFERRED TO
DEPARTMENT. VOLPE

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